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SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES & PARKING CARDS FOR HANDICAPPED PERSONS

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HANDICAPPED PARKING CARD

THE OWNER OF THIS CARD IS AUTHORIZED TO PARK IN SPACES DESIGNATED FOR USE BY INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE HANDICAPPED.

"Parking privileges granted by this Section are strictly limited to the person to whom the special registration plates, special decal or device were issued and to qualified operators acting under his express direction while the disabled person is present (Illinois Revised Statutes, Chapter 95 1/2, Par. 11-1301.1). The parking card owner who is handicapped must present personal identification to law enforcement upon request.

Issued by Jim Edgar
Secretary of State

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JIM EDGAR
Secretary of State

Improving The Program

Handicapped license plates have been issued by my office since 1975. The issuance of these plates permits persons with disabilities to park in special parking spaces reserved for them.

In 1984, my office improved the program by issuing handicapped parking cards, which allow parking privileges to vehicles in which the handicapped person is the driver or passenger; expanded the legal definition of the handicapped person; and made available the issuance of **vanity/personalized** license plates to individuals with disabilities.

In response to citizen suggestions, the program was further improved in 1986 by changing the format of the parking cards and doubling the duration of the permanent cards from two years to four years.

This pamphlet provides you with facts about handicapped parking privileges and how to obtain them.

My office is committed to improving the handicapped license plate and handicapped parking card program for those who are disabled. Let us help you or your immediate family in this important matter.

Sincerely,

Jim Edgar

Secretary of State

Definition

A handicapped person is defined by law as every natural person who is unable to walk 200 feet or more either (1) unassisted by another person or without the aid of a walker, crutches, braces, prosthetic device, wheelchair or (2) without great difficulty due to the following impairments: neurologic, orthopedic, respiratory, cardiac, arthritic disorder, blindness, or loss of function or absence of a limb or limbs.

Privileges

- Allows vehicle to park in areas specifically reserved for use by handicapped persons.
- Exempts vehicle from payment of parking meter fees or time limitations on parking, except for meters, signs or other markings with time limitations of 30 minutes or less.
- Through mutual agreements with other states and jurisdictions, Illinois handicapped plates and parking cards are honored nearly nationwide.
- The plates or cards will not permit vehicles to park in areas where parking is prohibited (such as "NO STOPPING" and "NO STANDING" zones, in front of or near fire hydrants, loading zones, etc.). Vehicles are also prohibited from parking in any manner that creates a traffic hazard.

NOTE: These privileges apply only when the handicapped person is present, the vehicle is being used for his/her transportation, and the handicapped parking card or plates are displayed.

MANDATORY VEHICLE INSURANCE

All motor vehicles registered and operated in Illinois must be covered by liability insurance—insurance that covers the property damage and/or injuries you may cause others in an accident.

LICENSE PLATES

WHO MAY OBTAIN HANDICAPPED PLATES:

- **Permanently handicapped persons** may obtain handicapped license plates for each vehicle titled in their name.
- **Immediate family members** of a permanently handicapped person may obtain plates only if the handicapped individual does not own a vehicle and must frequently rely on the immediate family member for transportation. Immediate family members *(spouse, father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister)* can be issued only two sets of plates.
- **Corporations, school districts and special education cooperatives** transporting permanently handicapped persons may obtain plates by completing an affirmation form available upon request from the Non-Standard Plates Section.

TYPES OF VEHICLES:

- Passenger cars, vans and small trucks *(weighing 8,000 pounds or less)* may be issued handicapped plates.

VANITY/PERSONALIZED LICENSE PLATES:

- Vanity/Personalized plates are available for handicapped individuals. For details, you may write to the Non-Standard Plates Section, Room 539, Centennial Building, Springfield, Illinois 62756.

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PARKING CARDS
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WHO MAY OBTAIN CARDS:

- Permanently handicapped persons may obtain one handicapped card in their name.
- Corporations, school districts and special education cooperatives which transport permanently handicapped individuals may apply for cards in their name.
- Individuals with temporary disabilities lasting at least 12 months or more may have one card in their name.

DISPLAYING CARDS:

- The front side of the card should be clearly visible through the front windshield and be placed on the dashboard or attached to the front visor in any vehicle.

TWO TYPES:

FOUR-YEAR – *White with Blue Lettering* – Issued to or on behalf of those who are permanently handicapped.

TEMPORARY – *White with Red Lettering* – Issued to those with temporary disabilities lasting at least 12 months or more.

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How To Apply For ...

License Plates

Submit the following:

1) **Physician's certification form** – Must be completed by both applicant and physician. (*Forms available at most Secretary of State facilities.*)
2) **Current registration card or copy of title** if vehicle is registered in applicant's name; **OR title or Manufacturer's Certificate of Origin** if the vehicle is not registered in applicant's name.
3) **Application form and fee** – If current plates are valid for more than 60 days, submit application for reclassification, $5 fee for reclass, and surrender current license plates. If plates expire within 60 days, submit a registration application or renewal form and annual $48 fee.
4) **Handicapped Vanity/Personalized License Plates** – For additional information, contact the Non-Standard Plates Section.

Parking Cards

- Submit **certification form** completed by **both** applicant and physician for individual. *
- Submit **affirmation form** signed by Authorized Agent for corporation, school district and special education cooperative.
- Forms are available at most Secretary of State facilities, or call toll-free (800) 252-8980.

** This requirement is waived for those who have been issued disabled veteran or handicapped license plates and already have a certification form on file. An Illinois Disabled Persons ID card with a 1a or 2a classification as issued by the office's Driver Services Department is also accepted as proof of disability.*

For More Information

Handicapped Parking Program:

- Standard, Vanity and Personalized Handicapped License Plates
- Four-Year and Temporary Parking Cards

Contact: Secretary of State's Office
Non-Standard Plates Section
Room 539, Centennial Bldg.
Springfield, Illinois 62756
(217) 782-2434 or 785-8627

Handicapped Program Facts:

Secretary of State Toll-Free: (800) 252-8980
Mon.–Fri. – 8 a.m.–8 p.m.
Sat. – 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Seniors Toll-Free: (800) 252-2904
Mon.–Fri. – 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Hispanic Line: (312) 793-1338/1339
Mon.–Fri. – 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

OTHER STATE AGENCIES

Contact these state agencies to identify their specific programs and benefits for handicapped citizens.

Illinois Secretary of State
Driver Services Department
Disabled Persons Identification Program
2701 S. Dirksen Parkway
Springfield, Illinois 62723
(217) 785-4500

Illinois Secretary of State
Senior Citizens, Human Resources and Veterans Department
Centennial Bldg., Room 450
Springfield, Illinois 62756
(217) 782-8893 or (800) 252-2904

Illinois Department of Conservation
405 E. Washington Street
Springfield, Illinois 62706
(217)782-1395

Illinois Department of Revenue
Circuit Breaker Section
P.O. Box 3124
Springfield, Illinois 62708
(217) 782-6850 or (800) 732-8866

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